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DE 198 32 389 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a polymer
electrolyte membrane fuel cell with a fuel gas generator.

DE 196 39 150 and U.S. 6,187,066 disclose a central heating device for a gas-
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AG	196 39 150	9/1996	Germany	Boneberg	C01B	3/32	No
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	AI	WO 93/19005	9/1993	PCT	Ruzek	C01B	3/58	Yes
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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